

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, March 3, 2010
GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

The Hamilton County Council met in a special work session at 6:30 p.m. for discussion of 2011 budget. Councilor Carter stated shortfall in 2011 will be approximately \$4.2M, \$5.6M in 2012 and \$7.1M in 2013. Councilor Carter asked for ideas on reducing shortfalls such as reducing tax delinquencies, personal property assessments, increasing user and E911 fees. Councilor Beaver asked for a consensus in regards to these shortfalls, should cuts be made or fund with cash reserve. Consensus of council to balance budget by reducing expenditures and utilizing cash reserve. Councilor Carter suggested looking at the following utilities, part time, overtime; number of work days, and service. Council discussed setting maximums on part time and overtime. Councilor Beaver stated the Commissioners need to be included and on board with whatever is decided. Commissioner Altman added that essential functions must be identified. It was suggested a work session with Commissioners be scheduled later this month. Councilor Schwartz asked if elected officials/departments heads should be invited. Councilor Beaver suggested councilor's meet with departments to get their ideas for reductions prior to the work session. Councilor Carter will compose an email to be sent to elected officials/departments heads requesting their input. Work session adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Those in attendance included Councilors Rick McKinney, Steve Schwartz, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, John Hiatt, Jim Belden and Brad Beaver; Commissioner Assistant, Dan Stevens; Commissioner, Christine Altman; County Attorney, Mike Howard; Sheriff, Doug Carter; Court Administration, Cathy Hightower; Council Attorney, Jeanette Kassebaum; Auditor, Dawn Coverdale and Chief Deputy Auditor, Robin Mills.

President Carter called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:10:35 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilors Rick McKinney, Steve Schwartz, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, John Hiatt, Jim Belden and Brad Beaver. A quorum was declared by Auditor Dawn Coverdale.

Councilor Hiatt gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

7:12:03 Councilor Levine moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2010. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT 7:12:26

President: None

Vice President: Councilor Belden reported:

- Solid Waste is going well
- Asked that agenda be amended to consider Park's request to hire seasonal summer help.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve adding Parks part time to agenda. Councilor Levine seconded.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve allowing Parks to hire part time seasonal workers. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

- Reported that he has met with Teresa Thomas of the Prosecutors office to discuss additional on tonight's agenda.

Highway: Councilor McKinney reported

- Lengthy meeting held today. Reminded others of funding commitment made to Highway for federal projects. This will require advancing approximately \$4.7m this year of which reimbursements will cover all but \$1.8m.

Finance: Councilor McKinney & Beaver reported

- Numbers discussed in work session were result of finance committee meeting with Mike Reuter to evaluate assumptions in fiscal plan

Personnel: No meeting

Miscellaneous:

Councilor Levine reported:

- ISS policy board met and selected vendor to recommend to Commissioners to do archiving of email as required by federal law.
- ISS board is looking at social media. A policy will have to be developed.

Councilor Hiatt reported:

- He attended Soil & Water Conservation annual meeting yesterday. Good crowd and new officers were sworn in.

COMMISSIONER UPDATE 7:19:45 Commissioner Altman

- Trying to push as many highway projects that are ready to let, toward ARRA funding.
- MPO approved funding of study of SR 37 corridor to look at state relinquishment, similar to Keystone and also improving bottlenecks at intersections. This will be 80-20 money so local share will have to be obtained.
- Have located an exercise area in the judicial center to encourage employees to utilize area before or after work and during lunch hours. Hoping to increase fitness and reduce health care costs.
- Transit Indy Connect incentive is going forward. Have had very good attendance at the multiple meetings they've had throughout the region on looking at transit alternatives and how to move forward with transportation planning.
- Highway Department and several units within county are organizing a roadside clean up event to be held on April 24th from 9-noon. Appreciate Brad Davis' work on this effort.
- Will be talking with Steve Peachey on Monday prior to Commissioners meeting. Believes Jackson Township will consolidate. Have had no luck with bringing other entities together. Did not have outside consultant, too much time for them to prepare.

UNFINISHED/TABLED BUSINESS: No Action

NEW BUSINESS

7:25:03 Councilor Belden moved to approve vendor claims. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Hiatt moved to add Resolution 03-03-10-02 to agenda. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jack Hittle representing Carmel and Noblesville Schools requested approval of resolution on their referendum. Dr. Jeff Swenson and Roger McMichael from Carmel Schools were in attendance to answer questions on their proposal.

Councilor Belden moved to approve Resolution 03-03-10-01 "A Resolution of the Hamilton County Council Certifying a Question to the Hamilton County Election Board". Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Resolution 03-03-10-02 "A Resolution of the Hamilton County Council Certifying a Question to the Hamilton County Election Board". Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve an interlocal agreement between the City of Westfield and Hamilton County concerning issuance of bonds and payment of expenses from the Village Park Economic Development Area. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

EMPLOYEE VACANCIES: 7:45:53

Councilor Belden moved to approve Sheriff filling the following vacancies:

Juvenile Detention CO, Sergeant 017.000.1012 at \$33,606
 Jail Director of Food Services 027.000.1006 at \$36,707
 Jail Asst Jail Commander 027.000.1010 at \$54,322
 Jail Co, Lieutenant 027.000.1014 at \$42,926
 Jail CO, Sergeant 027.000.1020 at \$38,029
 Jail Nurse 027.000.1033 at \$40,630
 Jail Cook 027.000.1035 at \$23,172
 Jail Cook 027.000.1037 at \$23,172
 Jail Control Room Operator 027.000.1046 at \$33,606
 Jail CO, Transport 027.000.1054 at \$33,606
 Sheriff Deputy Sergeant 037.000.1032 at \$46,429
 Sheriff Deputy 037.000.1073 at \$50,489

Sheriff Control Room Operator 037.000.1091 at \$33,606
Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilor McKinney against.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve Clerk filling vacancy for Data Management Clerk 009.000.1091 at \$33,606. Councilor Levine seconded. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilor McKinney against.

Councilor Levine moved to approve Extension filling vacancy for Office Manager 025.000.1005 at \$34,130 and Marketing/Communication Coordinator/Secretary at \$30,242. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilor Beaver against.

RESOLUTIONS FOR MARCH: 8:05:10

Councilor Belden moved to approve Juvenile Detention reduction of \$7,024 in 017.000.1012 CO, Sergeant. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0

Councilor Belden moved to approve Jail additional appropriation of \$41,787 in 027.000.1010 Assistant Jail Commander; \$3,958 in 027.000.1033 Nurse; \$60,000 in 027.000.1407 Overtime; \$2,000 in 027.000.2020 Institutional; \$3,000 in 027.000.2014 Uniforms; \$790 in 027.000.3109 Other Equipment Repairs; Sheriff additional appropriation of \$104,375 in 037.000.4008 Vehicles; Juvenile Detention Fund 356 additional of \$58,375 in 3851 Supplement and Jail Detention Fund 358 additional of \$111,000 in 3851. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilor Beaver against.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: Councilor Carter opened public hearing concerning additional appropriations. No public comments.

8:09:14 Councilor Belden moved to approve EMS additional appropriation of \$20,000 in 022.000.3737 Ambulance Service. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:10:40 Councilor McKinney moved to approve Jail 144 amendment to 027.000.1010 Assistant Jail Commander as Pole M at \$54,322 and 027.000.1033 Nurse as PAT B at \$40,630. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:11:43 Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Prosecutor additional appropriation of \$11,400 in 031.000.1313 Summerfield. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Prosecutor reduction of \$5,353 in 031.000.1003 Deputy Prosecutor. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Prosecutor additional appropriation of \$413 in 033.000.3715 IV-D Collection Fee. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:12:17 Councilor Belden moved to approve Sheriff 144 amendment to 037.000.1073 Deputy Sheriff as Pole A at \$50,489. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve Sheriff transfer of \$1,606 from 037.000.1032 Deputy Sheriff, Sergeant to 037.000.1073 Deputy Sheriff. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

8:12:53 Councilor Beaver moved to approve E911 additional appropriation request of \$719,629 in 119.000.000.4022 E911 Network Switch. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearing closed at 8:14:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor McKinney congratulated and acknowledged Sheriff and staff at Juvenile Services Center for their ratings in the Department of Corrections Inspection Report of a 98.9% rating on non-mandatory issues and 100% rating for mandatory issues.

SHERIFF COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS: None

8:09:54 Councilor Belden moved to adjourn meeting. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Those present:

Bob Smith, Observing
Brad Davis, Highway
Jim Nenni, Extension
Roger McMichael, Carmel Clay School Brd
Dan Stevens, Commissioner Assistant
Parammie Singh, Student
Gail Susdorf, Student
Ron Thomas, Observing
Jennifer Page, Student
Justin Moore, Student
Ryan Horine, Sheriff
Jordan ?, Student
Bianca Smith, Student
Rebecca Pfeil, Student

Shelby Mills, Observing
Jeanette Kassabaum, Council Attorney

Peggy Beaver, Clerk
Susan Peterson, Extension
Jeff Swenson, Carmel Clay School Brd
Jack Hittle, Carmel & Noblesville School
Emily Henon, Student
Christine Altman, Commissioner
Chris Mertens, ISS
Latrevion Streeter, Student
Eden Quick, Student
Thurl Cecil, Coroner
Sharalyn Ward, Student
Rachael Palazzo, Student
Bob Bragg, Probation
Michel Le Richard, Student

Doug Carter, Sheriff
Robin Mills, Chief Deputy Auditor

President

Auditor